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**TO:** Agency Heads

**FROM:** James E. House  
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**SUBJECT:** Departmental Regulation 5080-001 -- USDA and the AbilityOne Program:  
Increasing Achievements and Setting Department Goals

On May 23, 2007, I signed Departmental Regulation 5080-001, USDA and the AbilityOne Program: Increasing Achievements and Setting Department Goals. I have enclosed a copy for your convenience. An electronic version is available at [www.ocio.usda.gov/directives/doc/DR5080-001.pdf](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/directives/doc/DR5080-001.pdf). The program formerly known as "JWOD" is now AbilityOne.

The recently issued DR clarifies the AbilityOne Program procurement goal and more directly ties USDA AbilityOne purchases to USDA contracting dollars. I am proud to represent the Department on the President's Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, and prouder still to represent the first and so far only cabinet-level agency to implement an AbilityOne Program procurement goal.

If you have any questions about the AbilityOne Program, or the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act please contact your AbilityOne Program Liaison, or Lisa Brown, of my staff, the Department's AbilityOne Program Liaison at (202) 690-0113, or [LisaM.Brown@usda.gov](mailto:LisaM.Brown@usda.gov).

Enclosure

cc: Agency AbilityOne Liaisons